

SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
October 26, 2017  
Central Library

PRESENT: Cheryl Cufari, Randy Fine, Heather Gray, Cori Hoffman, Sharon Jordan, William Levering, Julie McDonnell, Marsha Mortimore, Carmel Patrick, Edwin D. Reilly, Jr., Tina Chericoni Versaci, Karen Bradley, Angela Strong, Janice Martin-recorder

ABSENT: Camille Siano Enders, Anthony Gaddy, M. Joe Landry, Donna Phillips

GUEST: Frank Wicks, Carl George

Carmel Patrick called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Frank Wicks distributed a packet which includes information about the William Seward and Harriet Tubman Statue. Carl George urged trustees to vote to accept the gift of the new statue entitled "Leaders for Freedom and Justice" depicting the life-size representations of William Seward and Harriet Tubman.

#### MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28 MEETING

The minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Tina Chericoni Versaci, seconded by William Levering.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The SCPL budget was approved by the legislature in October and includes a new Senior Clerk position, as well as the technology priorities recommended in the library's multi-year technology plan. Carmel Patrick and Karen Bradley attended the public hearing for the budget on October 10. Carmel thanked the legislators for their support of the SCPL.
- Carmel Patrick, Sharon Jordan and Karen Bradley met with The Schenectady Foundation's distribution committee on September 27 regarding our request for support of the construction of the Mont Pleasant branch. The Schenectady Foundation board postponed its decision about our request until its December board meeting, but we received positive feedback about our request.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The Staff Long Range Strategic Planning Team continues to meet.
- Our Active Shooter Training for staff that will be provided by County staff has been scheduled for November 1 from 8-9 am and November 27 from 6-7 p.m. in the McChesney Room of the Central Library. Trustees are welcome to attend and should let Janice Martin know if you plan to do so.
- The Scotia rug project has been completed. A big thanks to Angela Strong and Ken Wagner for their efforts to minimize the impact to the public. The Niskayuna and Glenville branch libraries are slated to be completed the week of November Election Day and Veteran's Day closures.
- A Central Library Services Committee meeting was held at the Central Library on October 18, 2017.
- Our Bullet Aid check for \$16,000 arrived from MVLS. Senator James Tedisco secured \$4,000 which will be used for the Glenville Branch Library improvements and Senator George Amedore secured \$6,000 for the Quaker Street Branch Library and \$6,000 for the Rotterdam Branch Library.
- The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a Harry Potter themed day Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 10:00 am through 3:00 p.m. Feel free to stop by.

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

- Friends and library staff continue to work on space planning upstairs.
- October 30 starts a local history series of Monday noon programs that will run through November. (<https://friendsofscpl.org/progrms/noon-programs/> for more information).
- Reminder: Registration is still open for the Friends-sponsored trip to Ireland in June 2018 with Colette tours (<https://friendsofscpl.org/tour-ireland-in-2018/> for more information).

#### BUILDING COMMITTEE

- Sharon Jordan reported that the demolition of Chubby's Pizza will be held on Friday, October 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.
- Resolution 1 – 10/26/17 – Approval to accept *Leaders of Freedom and Justice Statue*. Discussion ensued. The statue would be located on the north side of the library near the entrance to the parking lot. The resolution will be forwarded to Kathy Rooney, then the Schenectady County Legislature for approval. The county will own the statue and will be responsible for maintaining it. A motion to approve Resolution 1 was made by Sharon Jordan, seconded by Julie McDonnell and approved unanimously.

#### FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

- Resolution 2 – 10/26/17 – Approval of SCPL Board of Trustees Expenditures. Tina Chericoni Versaci moved, Sharon Jordan seconded and resolution 2 was approved unanimously.
- Resolution 3 – 10/26/17 – Acceptance of gift from the Little Family Foundation. Discussion ensued. Treasurer will set up necessary vehicle for brokerage account and stock will be cashed in immediately. Tina Chericoni Versaci moved, Julie McDonnell seconded and resolution 3 was approved unanimously.

#### PLANNING COMMITTEE

- The planning committee met on Tuesday, October 24.
- The building committee submitted their long range plan progress report. It is included in tonight's packet. Committee chairs will report on their progress report for the long range plan at the November 30 meeting. Cheryl reminded everyone that reports are a work in progress/3-year plan.

#### POLICY COMMITTEE

- Bill Levering reported that the committee will meet again to review by-laws and policies.

#### SAFETY COMMITTEE

- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 30.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Carmel Patrick received a letter from Anthony Farina, a local author. He wanted to inform the library trustees that he will be a guest on the Ann Parillo Show on Tuesday, October 31, 2017.
- Julie McDonnell distributed Library Trustee Funds as of September 30, 2017.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Swanker Boardroom at the Central Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. on a motion by Julie McDonnell, seconded by William Levering and approved unanimously.